

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5 – 7 and 12 have been amended and 10 has been canceled by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the claims 1-16 were objected to due to informalities; the disclosure was objected to due to formalities; the ABSTRACT was objected to due to the usage of legal phraseology; claims 5-7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph; claims 1 - 4, 9, and 11 - 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,765,576 (Salama et al.); claims 6-8 were indicated as allowable; and claims 5, 10 and 16 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-16 were objected to due to informalities. In response to the objection, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error and now recites “structural modules” instead of “supporting modules.” Support for the amendment is provided at least by the text of original claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amendment raises no question of new matter.

Disclosure Objections

The disclosure was objected to due to informalities. In particular, reference characters were not properly applied. In response to the objection to the specification, a Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. The Substitute Specification has been revised to correct the improper/inconsistent use of reference characters. No new matter has been added.

Abstract Objections

The ABSTRACT was objected to due to the usage of legal phraseology. In response to the objection, a new single page ABSTRACT is submitted herewith that deletes the legal phraseology.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5-7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph.

In response to the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, claims 5-7 and 12 have been amended to clarify the invention. In particular, claims 5-7 have been amended with similar language to recite: “defined on at least one of said central wall ~~and/or~~ and side walls.”

In addition, claim 12 has been amended to recite:

wherein said structural modules are made of a single piece of plastic material with said side walls that are able to move with respect to the central wall due to hinges in the structural modules.

Support for the amendments is provided at least by the original claims 5 and 7 and page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 3; and shown at least in FIG. 2, reference 20, of the original specification. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5-7 and 12 are definite, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 - 4, 9, and 11 - 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Salama et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

First, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in terms of claims 6-8 and claims 5, 10 and 16. To that end, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 10; and claim 6, upon which original claims 7 and 8 depend, has been rewritten in independent form by including the limitations of original claim 1 and claim 4. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and claim 6, and claims dependent thereon, are allowable and the rejections of claims 1- 4, 9 and 11 – 13 is rendered moot by the amended claims.

Conclusions

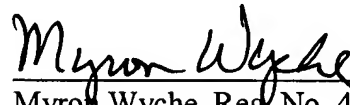
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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Respectfully submitted,

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